

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



***Sunday, July 10, 2022. 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

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Welcome and Life of the Community: We are part of community worship today on YouTube and in the sanctuary of St Paul's United Church in Perth, Ontario. St Paul's offers worship in various formats: by emailed bulletin, YouTube at www.stpaulsperth.ca, Zoom on occasion, in print at the outer office door, and mail upon request. Please read "*What's Happening*" for additional announcements and news.

Covid Protocols for In-Person Worship Masking and distancing indoors continue to be advised by Public Health and recommended at St. Paul's. If you are experiencing any Covid symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has Covid, please join us on YouTube for the Sunday service.

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord! For those who prefer to follow the hymns in Voices United and More Voices, you will notice that hymn books have been distributed in the pews. The lyrics continue to be available onscreen as well.

This Sunday we welcome back Licenced Lay Worship Leader Andrew Nicholls. Our soloist this week is Senior Choir member Rick Comrie. Rick is new to the area. He and his wife, Diana, moved to Perth last fall, to be closer to their first grandchild. He was very pleased to find a choir that would take him in and has enjoyed the past few months at St Paul's. Rick has been singing (as a hobby) for most of his life...from being the only male descant in his grade 5 school choir, thru 10 years with a barbershop quartet, and countless church choirs. He looks forward to continuing the learning under Brad's leadership.

Hearing Assist Devices: are available for in person worship, please speak to an usher for assistance.

UPCOMING WORSHIP (Services are offered in-person and on YouTube)

July 10 – LLWL Andrew Nicholls

July 17- LLWL Allison Adamovits

July 24 & 31 – LLWL Jeannie Page

August – Worship Holiday, there will be no in-person or YouTube services during the month of August. We will return in September.

Summer Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Land and Affirm United/s'affirmer ensemble

The land on which we live, and worship is the land of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Native People. We give thanks for their generations of stewardship of land and for elders who continue to guide us. As we mourn the loss of Indigenous lives, we seek to support reconciliation and hope with our actions.



St Paul's is a member of Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble, and continues education to live out the learnings of the blessing of God's creation of the diversity of humanity.

We Gather

Acknowledgments and Affirmation

Welcome

Organ Prelude: Meditation on “Just As I Am” and “Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me”
- Owens/Kirkpatrick & Hopper/Gould, arr. by Janzer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call to Worship

We come with joy to this celebration of God's love.

Open our hearts. Lord, to receive Your love.

We come with hope to witness God's power!

Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve You, Lord.

We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. AMEN.

Prayer of Approach:

Let the whole earth praise the Lord! He is the Anchor of our souls! Let the mountains and hills proclaim God's handiwork! Let the seas roar and the waves crash in symphonies of praise! Let all creation sing God's new song of love! Praise be to God who has created and is creating anew! Praise be to God who recreates God's love in us each day! Amen.

*Hymn: “Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me” VU 637

1 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,

thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boisterous waves obey thy will
when thou biddest them 'Be still.'

Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

- 3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful land,
still supported by thy hand,
may I hear thee say to me,
'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'

Prayer of Confession

Anchor of our Soul. We so often get blown off course by the storms of life all around us. We panic and look away from You and look to ways of the world to try and calm the waves that hit us. Forgive us for looking to the world and help us Holy Spirit to look to Jesus, the Anchor Who holds us steady in the storms. We are grounded, firm and deep in His love. Thank You Lord Jesus! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus promises that He will make all things right, so we can proclaim to one another the truth: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Children and Youth Time: A Good Fishing Spot

We Encounter Sacred Story

Scripture: Acts 27:13-29

*Hymn: "Will Your Anchor Hold" VU 675

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R
- 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. R
- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. R

Meditation: "Anchors"

Anthem: "Children of the Heavenly Father" - Soloist Rick Comrie

- Swedish Folk Tune, arr. by Fergus, lyrics by Berg, translated by Olson

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them,

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Our Response to Listening and Hearing

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For this is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Go Forth to Be the Church in the World

Thanks for the Worship

*Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" - VU 331 (verses 1,2 & 5)

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*Commissioning & Benediction

The amazing grace of the Master, our own Manson Supreme, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude: The Church's One Foundation - Wesley, arr. by Hayes

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